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In re Application of

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May 28, 2003

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimale transmitted on (703) 746-7239 on May 28, 2004 to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents D.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Stanley D. Ference III Reg. No. 33,879 May 28, 2004

Date of Signature

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months through and including May 28, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Response for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

Applicant is other than a small entity and the extension fee required under 37

C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) is calculated below:

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| | | large entity | small entity |
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| () | one month | \$110 | \$55 |
| (X) | two months | \$420 | \$210 |
| () | three months | \$950 | \$475 |
| () | four months | \$1,480 | \$740 |
| () | five months | \$2,010 | \$1,005 |

Please charge IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the extension of time fee for two (2) months. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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